# **College Access & Affordability**

#### **Student Loans:**

Currently, when employees enroll in their employer's student loan repayment programs, they are required to pay taxes on these benefits. That's why Jon is cosponsoring the Employer Participation in Repayment Act, to ensure these benefits no longer count as taxable income. Jon's bill will not only help recent graduates afford to pay off their student loans, but encourage more employers to offer this important benefit.

## **Career & Technical Education:**

As Montana's senior senator, Jon is doing his part to improve access and affordability of two-year degrees and credential programs. Jon realizes that a four-year college education isn't for everybody, so he is fighting for education and training programs that make sense for all Montanans.

## **First Generation Graduates:**

When politicians tried to defund Montana's two dozen TRiO initiatives, which help first generation students prepare for college, Jon successfully restored its funding, guaranteeing grant awardees receive their funding.

#### **Summer Pell Grants:**

Jon believes financing should never be a barrier for students who want to pursue higher education. That's why Jon passed legislation to restore year-round Pell Grants to let students work through the summer and get their degrees faster.

# A 21 st Century Economy

#### **Net Neutrality:**

Jon has been a longtime champion for net neutrality and recently blasted the Federal Communications Commission for allowing corporations to interfere with consumer choice and the flow of information on the internet. Jon is working in Congress to restore a free and open internet for all Montanans.

#### **Expanding Broadband:**

In a rural state like Montana, students and businesses need access to high speed, reliable internet is necessary to compete in a 21st century economy. Jon has fought in Congress to expand broadband and strengthen wireless coverage to ensure Montanans across the state can get online.

## Affordable Access to Health Care

## **Contraceptive Care:**

Nine in 10 women of reproductive age will use contraception for family planning or other medical reasons – that's 188,000 women in Montana. Jon is sponsoring the Save Women's Preventive Care Act to guarantee that insurance companies cover women's health services including birth control, breast cancer screenings, and annual exams without charging a copay.

### **Lowering the Cost of Health Care:**

Jon knows that the costs of health care are too high and often prevent young adults from purchasing insurance. That's why he has sponsored multiple bills to bring down the cost of health insurance and prescription drugs.

## **Holding Corporations Accountable**

## Wells Fargo and Equifax:

Jon is holding corporate America accountable to Montanans. Big companies like Wells Fargo and Equifax played fast and loose with our money and personal information. That's why Jon is sponsoring the Justice for Victims of Fraud Act, which will retroactively apply protections to fraud victims who deserve their day in court, even if a contract restricts them to forced arbitration.

#### **Campaign Finance:**

Everyday Montanans should never feel their voices are drowned out by large corporations and Super PACs that pour dark money into our elections. Jon is fighting for major campaign finance reform by proposing a Constitutional Amendment declaring that Corporations are not people. He is also sponsoring legislation that would require U.S. Senate candidates to file their campaign finance reports electronically (which Jon does voluntarily) and to make public any donors who give more than \$5,000.

